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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

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Japanese Laid-Open Utility-Model Patent Publication No. 56-114486 discloses an electronic watch including an analog time display section and a digital time display section. This publication discloses synchronizing the time displayed in the analog time display section to an adjusted time displayed in the digital time display section. The time displayed in the digital display section is adjusted by using external buttons 7, 8 and 9 (Figure 1) that is coupled to switches 23, 24 and 25 (Figure 2). The signal formed by the adjustment detection control circuit 26 based on the operations of the external buttons 7, 8 and 9 is transmitted to the adjustment amount calculation circuit 28 to detect and store the adjustment amount.

When the adjustment of time displayed in the digital display section is finished, a signal 29' is output from the adjustment amount conformance circuit 29 to the pulse generating circuit 16 to adjust the time displayed in the analog display section. The adjustment amount conformance circuit 29 compares the fast forward analog time adjustment signal sent from the divider circuit 11 to the digital time adjustment signal sent from the adjustment amount calculation circuit 28, and when these two amounts are conformed, the output of the signal 29' is terminated. Applicants believe this reference is relevant because it discloses two watches being synchronized.

Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Patent Publication No. 57-114995 discloses an electric watch including an analog display section and a digital display section. In this reference, first, the displays in the analog display section and the digital display section are reset by operating a switch 17 to match the time displayed in these sections. Then, the time displayed in the digital display section is adjusted by using a winder and the time displayed in the analog display section is adjusted based on the fast forward normal rotation pulse or the fast forward reverse rotation pulse that corresponds to the time adjustment amount of the digital display section. Applicants believe this reference is relevant because the electric watch has two time display sections.

Japanese Laid-Open Examined Patent Publication No. 3-14150 discloses an electric watch that includes the timing circuit 5 to control the time displayed in the digital display 12 and the index display 16. In the electric watch of this reference, the indices of the index display 16 are first reset to reference positions, and then the time displayed by the indices of the index display 16 is adjusted to the time controlled by the timing circuit 15. An English language abstract of the Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 59-079885, which is from the same application, is provided to understand this reference better. Applicants believe this reference is relevant because it discloses two clocks being synchronized.

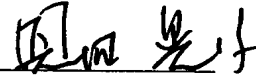
Japanese publication "Product Saizensen; Mobile Internet" discloses a portable phone having a flip-type casing. Applicants believe this reference is relevant because it discloses a flip-type phone and it includes an analog clock on the phone.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

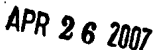
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